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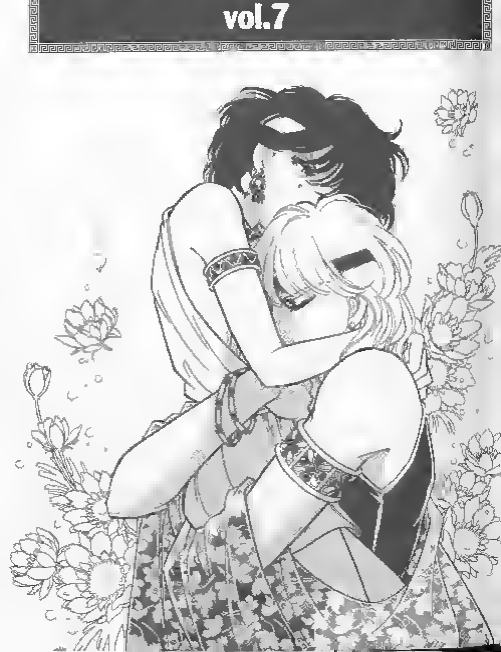


Story Thus Far:

Prince Kail
The third prince of the Nitrin Empire, and a powerful sorcerer

Yuri
A Japanese schoolgirl magically transported to the warrior Nitrin Empire

The Prince of Darkness
Prince Mattewara, sworn prince of the Nitrinni Kingdom and a ruthless conqueror.

Yuri was an ordinary junior high student until the day she was sucked into a portal on the street and emerged in the ancient Nitrin Armored Evil Eastern Realms world of an empire in flames. Yuri agrees to be used against its foe in exchange for her own safe passage back to her home world, Tokyo. Rescued by the handsome Kail, a prospect Prince Kail, Yuri is taken to the Nitrin palace as its unlikely guest. All she wants is to return to her home, but that can only happen if three conditions are met: she must have the help of a sorcerer equal to the quest, which Prince Kail turns out to be; all vestiges of Nitrinni's corrupt court fall with victory; and Yuri must wear the clothes she had on when she was kidnapped.

This Nitrin name is taken from an environment of the goddess within: Sailor Yuri discovers that Prince Kail's dream is to create an empire of justice. When the neighboring Nitrinni Kingdom threatens Asa'ahi, the emperor commands Kail to defend them.

As the course of the campaign, Yuri is taken prisoner and ends up in the eunuchs of the Prince of Darkness. Though a last ornament-laden of under magic by Kail's armour, the Prince of Darkness refuses to submit. When he attempts to embrace Yuri in a monumental, he burns a special incense that leaves her paralyzed and helpless. Meanwhile, Kail disguises himself as a female servant and sneaks into the city.

NOT JUST YET! FIRST TAKE ME TO THE PRINCE'S BEDCHAMBER.
PLEASE, MAY WE GO NOW?
THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS AND HIS FATHER WOULD BE IN THAT CHAMBER.
YET THEY'RE SAFE WITHIN THEIR OWN KINGDOM.
THEY'RE TERRIFIED OF SOMETHING.
THEY'LL KILL US!
PLEASE, NO!
WAIT!
WHY AREN'T THERE MORE GUARDS?
THIS IS STRANGE.
THERE'S LITTLE SECURITY HERE DESPITE THE KING'S PRESENCE.
OVER THERE.
I'LL DO ANYTHING TO GET HER AWAY FROM THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS!
THREE MORE DAYS...
IN THREE DAYS, YURI WILL LOSE HER CHANCE TO RETURN TO HER COUNTRY

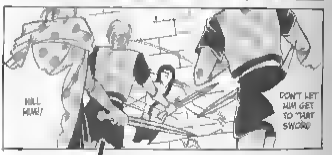
I'D LOVE TO SEE HIS FACE WHEN HE DISCOVERS...
THAT THE WOMAN HE LOVES WAS WITH ME.
NO!!!
YOU'RE ONLY DOING THIS TO HURT PRINCE KAL.
WHAT IF I AM?
DON'T
PLEASE, STOP!
PRINCE MATTHIAZA, PLEASE DON'T DO THIS TO ME!
YOU HAVE NO INTEREST IN ME!

FINGER MATTI-WAZA.
...MAKING LIFE TO A SHIN WHILE YOUTH SOLDIERS AND PEOPLE STARVE TO DEATH.
WUMP
YOU MUST BE JOKING
IS THIS A MUTINY?
YOU ARE OFFICERS OF THE PALACE GUARD!
LUCKY DEVIL.

WHAM
YOUR HIGHNESS!
PRINCE OF DARKNESS!
WHAT IS IT?
I TOLD YOU NOT TO DISTURB ME!
SHU-UK
YES, BUT OUR GUARDS ARE...
AGH!

KING TUSHRATTA!!
THE KING'S DEAD!!
YOU'VE MURDERED YOUR KING?!
FATHER!!
THUNK
I HAVEN'T MUCH OF A SENSE OF HUMOR!

NOW WE WANT YOUR HEAD.
YES.


HILL MAN!
DON'T LET HIM GET TO THAT SWORD!

KLUNK

IF WE GRAB THE HITTITES YOUR HEADS, THEY'LL LET THE SIEGE.
PRINCE.
WE WANT YOU DEAD TOO.
AND NO MORE OF US NEED DIE FOR NOTHING.
... BETRAYING YOUR OWN KILLERS?
YOU'RE.
THEY ALWAYS HUDDLE ROUND WHEREVER OFFERS THE BEST SCRAPS.
HMPH. THAT'S THE NATURE OF DOGS...

SWISH!
PRINCE...

WAP
AAAH!
THANK!
!!
YOU'RE HIS WOMAN ?!
THEN YOU'LL DIE TOO!!
GET HIM, YOU FOOLS!! KILL HIM NOW!!

NARIA.
LUNA!
SLINK
KLANK
PRINCE OF DARKNESS!
AH, LOVE!
AAAAH!
SLASH
OH!
NARIA?

PRINCE HATTWARA...
YOU HAVE A WOMAN WHO LOVES ONLY YOU...
KLANK
WHO WOULD GIVE HER LIFE FOR YOU!
YURI!!
SHE STOOD BY YOU ALL THESE YEARS...
BUT YOU REFUSED TO SEE WHAT YOU HAD IN HER.
YOUR HIGHNESS, LET'S LEAVE THIS PLACE
YOUR PEOPLE HAVE BETRAYED YOU! YOU MUST THINK ONLY OF YOUR OWN LIFE NOW!
ARE YOU HURT?
YOUR HIGHNESS.

MY SISTER...
TATUKIA!
TATUKIA!
MATTI
TATUKIA, YOU DON'T HAVE TO GO TO EGYPT!
SILENCE!
SHUT UP!
WHY CAN'T YOU BE HAPPY FOR YOUR SISTER IN HER WEDDING DAY?
QUIET MATTI-WAZA
HAVE YOU LOST YOUR HONOR, FATHER?
FATHER, YOU SAKULON TRADE MY SISTER FOR GOLD

WHAT?
LET'S GO TO BABYLONIA
MY HOMELAND I CAN GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY THERE.
YOU'RE STILL THINKING OF YOUR SISTER?
YES, YOU NEVER FORGET PRINCESS TATUKIA?

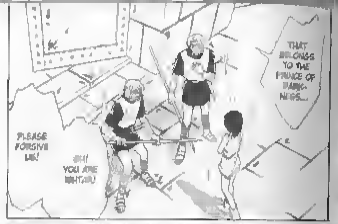
YOU WOULD STAY WITH ME EVEN IF I LOST MY COUNTRY AND MY STATUS?
NAINA.
YOUR HIGH-NESS!
TATIANA!!
TATIANA--!!

MATTI!!!
MAY THE GODS WATCH OVER YOU.
MATTI, I LOVE YOU!
TATIANA !!
MATTI, KEEP THIS.
TUK

THAT! I'LL BE WATCHING HOW HE RULES THE ORIENT!
I'LL KILL MYSELF.

IF I AM TO ESCAPE FROM HERE, I CAN'T TAKE TWO WOMEN WITH ME.
YURI.
I WOULD FOLLOW YOU ANYWHERE!
OF COURSE I WOULD!
I RELEASE YOU.
SNAP

BY NOW THE CITY WILL BE IN CHAOS, BUT PERHAPS YOU CAN BRIBE YOUR WAY OUT WITH THIS.
AND TAKE THIS.


THAT BELONGS TO THE PRINCE OF HARUHISA...
PLEASE FORGIVE ME!
AH! YOU ARE RIGHT!

THANK YOU.
PLEASE BE CARE-FUL.
THE SOLDIERS OF KARIE—MAN WHO STARTED THE INSURRECTION DON'T KNOW YOUR FACE.
PLEASE BE CARE-FUL.
IF YOU'RE FLEEING THE CITY...

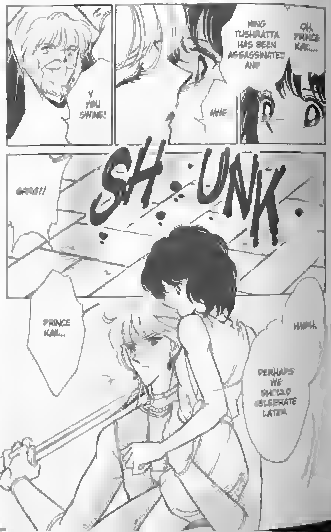
I'LL BE VERY CAREFUL UNTIL I'M WITH PRINCE KAIL AGAIN.
AAAAH
EEEEK
DON'T WORRY! I'LL BE VERY CAREFUL...
IT'S LIKE A FIRE IN A ROCK CONCERT AROUND HERE

IS THIS THE END OF THE ARYANN KINGDOM?
KING TSUSHANTA HAS DIED AND THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS IS PLOTTING...
WHERE IS HE WATCHING?
ROAR WAR
LOOK AT HIS
A ARYANN SOLDIER !!
WAIT!
I... I'M NOT AN ENEMY
WHAT WERE YOU DOING IN THE PALACE, GIRL?

RENEGADE SOLDIERS ARE EVERYWHERE. THEY'RE ROAMING THE CITY LIKE PACKS OF WOLVES.
AAAH!
WHAP
NO!!
LET ME GO!
I HAVE TO...
LOOK AT THIS!
I HAVE TO GO!

PRINCE KAIL?!
IT'S ALL RIGHT.
YUKI.
WHAT?!

PRINCE KAIJI!
IS IT REALLY...
YURI.
IS IT REALLY YOU?
I LOOKED FOR YOU EVERYWHERE, YURI.
PRINCE KAIJI... THANK GOD!
HOW I'VE LONGED TO SEE YOUR FACE.
PRINCE KAIJI...
PRINCE KAIJI!
PIG, HITTITE DOG!!


Y-YOU SWINE!
KING TUSHRATTA HAS BEEN ASSASSINATED!! AHH!
OH, PRINCE KAI...
SH-UNK
GAHA!!
PRINCE KAI...
HMPH.
PERHAPS WE SHOULD CELEBRATE LATER.

SH-UNK
AH-AI
CAN'T YOU SEE?
COME BACK LATER.
WE'RE BUSY RIGHT NOW!

FRENCH KAIL
ARE YOU GOING AFTER THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS?
SWISH
SWAK
EUCCH
WH-WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
THIS IS NO TIME FOR...

I HEARD WHAT HAPPENED!
I SENSED A ROYAL GUARDSMAN, AND HE TOLD ME EVERYTHING
TUSHRATTA WAS MURDERED BY HIS OWN MEN, EH?
DID THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS FLEE?
WHERE DID HE GO?
HE HEADED FOR BABYLONIA
WHEN HE PUTS PERSONAL AMBITION ABOVE THE WELFARE OF HIS PEOPLE HE FORFEITS HIS RIGHT TO RULE.
A KING SHOULD BE JUST AS WELL AS STRONG
WELL, HE DESERVED WHAT HE GOT
I OPENED THE CITY GATES AND LET THE HITTITE SOLDIERS IN A SHORT WHILE AGO. THIS BATTLE WON'T LAST LONG

I'M READY TO GO BACK.
I UNDERSTAND.
OH!
THAT'S RIGHT! BEING REUNITED WITH PRINCE KAI MEANS IT'S TIME FOR ME TO GO BACK TO JAPAN.
THE UNFORTUNATE THING NOW
...IS FOR US TO HURRY!
YOU MUST LEAVE FOR YOUR HOMELAND WITHIN THREE DAYS' TIME.

HA HA
JUDGING FROM YOUR REACTION
THE RUMORS THAT THE PRINCE OF DARKNESS HAD TAKEN YOU AS HIS CONCUBINE MUST BE FALSE
I WOULD HUNT HIM TO THE ENDS OF THE EARTH.
IF HE HAD LAIN WITH YOU.
BUT SINCE HE DID NOT I'VE NO FURTHER INTEREST IN A MAN WHO ABANDONED HIS COUNTRY

YES, MA'AM. MY FAMILY WILL BE WORRIED ABOUT ME
PRINCESS YURI...
ARE YOU REALLY GOING BACK TO YOUR COUNTRY?
LEJANT
KAMUKURI, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU?
SOMEDAY, GOLD PRINCESS YURI TO THE INTANAI. WHEN THE BATTLE IS OVER, I'LL PROMISE EVIDENCE THAT IT WAS ME!
WHAT DO YOU WANT WITH ME, LEJANT?
PLEASE TELL THAT PRIEST WHO ACCOMPANIED THE ARMY?
URGH SHALMA? I SAW HIM AT THE TENT OF THE GODS.
I HAVE TO GET READY TO LIVE WITH PRINCE KAR...
WHERE ARE WE GOING?

PRINCESS YURI!!
AND WE'LL NEED BATTLES SO THAT WE CAN SWITCH ALONG THE WAY
KAGH, BRING HORSES FOR YURI AND ME.
I'M SORRY I MADE YOU WORRY
YOU'RE ALIVE!
THANK THE GODS!!

RAAAH
RAAAH
RUSTLE
UH-HUH
YES, I'M SURE HE'LL TRY TO KEEP PRINCESS YUKI HERE SOMEHOW
I SEE!
IF YOU LET HIM KNOW THAT WON'T WORK, HE...
IT'S TIME URIU WORKED FOR US RATHER THAN AGAINST US.
THAT WOULD BE NICE, BUT—
THEN WE SHOULD STOP HIM RIGHT NOW!
KUKUKU, WE NEED PRINCESS YUKI TO STAY WITH US.
HUSH, PRETEND YOU DON'T KNOW HE'S THERE.
URIU!
I'M SO PLEASED WE MADE IT IN TIME
AREN'T YOU PLEASED, TOO?
NOW WE CAN RETURN PRINCESS YUKI TO HER HOMELAND
HUH?
WHY, YES!
IF THE CITY HAD SELLS OUT A FEW MORE DAYS PRINCESS YUKI WOULD HAVE.
HAD TO REMAIN WITH US ANOTHER YEAR.

I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO BE GOING BACK TO JAPAN...
AND NOW PRINCE KAIL CAN START LOOKING FOR A SUITABLE WOMAN TO BE HIS QUEEN.
TAR RUHO
I SHOULD BE GLAD THAT I WON'T BE HERE TO SEE PRINCE KAIL GET MARRIED

WHICKER
PRINCE KAIL...
THE HORSES ARE READY
ZANMANIA, YOU TAKE COMMAND!
I'M SETTING OUT FOR MATTUSA.
SAYUMI...
ALL RIGHT
LET'S RIDE.
NO, WON'T.
YURI...
YOU WON'T BE THERE WHEN I GET BACK.

I HAVE TO CONCENTRATE ON THAT NOW
OH!
WHAT'S THAT?
THERE, NEAR THE RIVER!
IT'S SMOKE
SOME-THING'S BURNING!

I CAN GIVE HIM UP... IF I LEAVE NOW
I CAN GO BACK TO MY LIFE IN JAPAN AND FORGET PRINCE KAR...
THAT'S RIGHT
I SHOULD BE HAPPY TO BE GOING HOME TO MY FAMILY

WHAT ABOUT A BOAT THEN?
YOU BUILT RAFTS, DIDN'T YOU?
YES, BUT THEY CAUGHT FIRE TOO.
PRINCE KAI..
LET US THROUGH! WE'RE ON AN URGENT MISSION!
IT'S THE SUPERRAFTS!
THIS IS A MAKESHIFT BRIDGE WE BUILT FOR OUR TROOPS. IT'S ALREADY IMPASSABLE.
IT'S IMPOSSIBLE YOUR HIGHNESS.
THE BRIDGE OVER THE SUPERRAFTS IS ON FIRE!
BOMB

KLOP
KLOP
WHAT...
WHO ANYONE CROSS THE BRIDGE JUST BEFORE THE FIRE STARTED?

WE MUSTN'T LEAVE THAT MAN ALONE ANYMORE.
IT WAS. HE WOULDN'T SET THE FIRE!
WHO, ME?
THIS FOREST WAS CROSSED A WHILE AGO. HE SAID HE WAS RETURNING TO HATTUSA ON AN URGENT MATTER.
HAHA.

I CAN'T GO HOME?
WILL I HAVE TO STAY HERE ANOTHER YEAR?

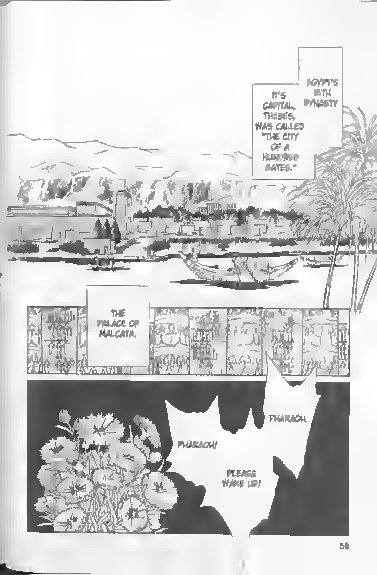
SEVEN DAYS?!
WE'LL NEED ABOUT SEVEN DAYS...
WE'LL FETCH WOOD TO BUILD NEW BOATS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. PLEASE FORGIVE THIS INCONVENIENCE...
IF IT WAS SEVEN DAYS, IT'LL MISS MY CHANCE!
IT TAKES AT LEAST SEVEN DAYS TO TRAVEL TO THE NEAREST FOREST AND BACK.
WE'RE TRULY SORRY
PLEASE! CAN'T YOU DO IT FASTER?

WE'RE INVESTIGATING THAT RIGHT NOW, YOUR HIGHNESS
THE BRIDGE MUST HAVE BEEN GUARDED! HOW DID IT CATCH FIRE?

ANOTHER YEAR.
WILL I BE ABLE TO SEE HER OR HEAR ANOTHER YEAR?
MOM.
DAD!
I WANT TO GO HOME!
I WAS FINALLY READY TO GO, AND THIS HAS TO HAPPEN.
I CAN'T GO HOME...
SWOOP
IT'S TOO PAINFUL FOR ME TO STAY WITH PRINCE KAI ANYMORE.

THE MAIN IS EGYPT
EGYPT THRIVES ALONG THE NILE AND IS THE MOST POWERFUL STATE IN THE OLD ORIENT
THE HITTITE KINGDOM IS NOW ONE OF ONLY TWO SUPERPOWERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST
THE EASTERN HALF WAS EVENTUALLY ABSORBED BY THE ASSYRIANS.
THE WESTERN HALF OF ITS TERRITORY WAS TAKEN BY THE HITTITES.
IN THE WAKE OF THE WAR...
...THE MITANNI KINGDOM DISAPPEARS FROM MESOPOTAMIA.

I LAMENT THE PASSING OF HIS MAJESTY
PHARAOH! TUTANKHAMEN! PLEASE OPEN YOUR EYES!
NO, IT CAN'T BE TRUE!
HE WAS DOING WELL JUST THIS MORNING!
CALIA BOWAL
...AKHES ANAMEN.


EGYPT'S 18TH DYNASTY
IT'S CAPITAL, THEBES, WAS CALLED "THE CITY OF A HUNDRED GATES."
THE PALACE OF MALCATA.
PHARAOH
PHARAOH!
PLEASE WAKE UP!

NO, MOTHER, I WON'T!
I WON'T MARRY ANY OF OUR SUBJECTS! I REFUSE TO MARRY AN EGYPTIAN!
I'LL NOT SHARE THE BED OF ONE WHO MIGHT HAVE HAD A HAND IN MY HUSBAND'S MURDER!
IT WAS NOT LONG BEFORE TREMORS CAUSED BY THE DEATH OF THE YOUNG EGYPTIAN KING WERE FELT IN THE HITTITE EMPIRE.

YOUR MAJESTY QUEEN NEFERTITI!
MOTHER...
MOTHER!
THE KING HAS BEEN POISONED!
BY THOSE WHO RESENTED HIS EFFORTS TO ROOT OUT CORRUPTION
NOW TO AVOID CIVIL WAR, YOU MUST MARRY EITHER A MEMBER OF THE ROYAL FAMILY OR A POWERFUL ARISTOCRAT
HOLD YOUR TONGUE, MAKUBES-ENAMEN.
THE KING DIED WITHOUT AN HEIR.

THE HITTITE EMPIRE

THE CAPITAL HATTUSA

YUR...
WHEN YOU'RE READY WE'LL GO TO THE TEMPLE

WHAT'S IN YOU, IT'S SPLENDID!
WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS DRESS?
OH, PRINCE KAE...
THE PRIEST IS IN YOUR HONOR, PRINCE KAE. WE CAN'T BE LATE!
THEN WE SHOULD GO.

SHE NORMALLY HATES TO DRESS UP
PRINCESS YUR SHINE UNUSUALLY BRIGHT!
WHAT DO YOU THINK?

LOOK...
WILL?
DO I LOOK ALL RIGHT?
I'VE BEEN AWAY FROM MATTISA FOR A LONG TIME, AND SINCE TONIGHT IS THE VICTORY CELEBRATION
...I SHOULD DRESS

PRINCESS YUR, PLEASE HOLD STILL FOR JUST A MOMENT
JUST LET ME PUT THIS TIARA ON YOUR HEAD.
YOU LOOK LOVELY

LONG LIVE HIS MAJESTY KING SUPPA-ILUMA!
RAARAA
LONG LIVE...
PRINCE KAIL AND ISHTAR!
...CAN I SURVIVE ANY OTHER WAY?
I THINK.
IT'S ALL AN ACT.
WELL, ALWAYS BEEN ANOTHER WAY.
SO I JUST HAVE TO PUT ON A HAPPY FACE AND FAKE IT.

WHEN WE'RE DONE HERE, I WANT EVERYONE TO PROCEED TO THE SECOND TEMPLE.
AFTER THE CELEBRATIONS, WE SHALL HOLD A STATE FUNERAL.
A STATE FUNERAL?
WE MUST BID FAREWELL TO OUR FALLEN GAL MASHER, PRINCE ZUDA, AND MANY OF OUR SOLDIERS.
YES, A COLLECTIVE FUNERAL FOR THOSE SOLDIERS WHO DIED... IN THE WAR.
WHO SACRIFICED THEIR LIVES FOR THE SAKE OF OUR COUNTRY. MAY THEY REST IN PEACE WITH THE AID OF ETERNAL DREAMS.

KAL...
I PRAISE YOUR CONDUCT OF THE WAR.
EVERY ONE OF US KNOWS THAT WE OWE OUR VICTORY OVER THE ANTARIANS TO YOU.
SO HAVE A NICE REST, MY SON.
I FORESEE NO LARGE-SCALE WARS IN THE NEAR FUTURE.
RAAAH
AND YOU ARE, YUIN, CORRECT?
RAAAH
YOU TRULY PERSONIFY THE ATTRIBUTES OF MUTIAN, THE GODDESS OF WAR IN THE CAMPAIGN.
RAAAH
AJICHI HE TO EXPRESS MY GRATITUDE FOR YOUR CONTRIBUTION AS WELL.

MY HEART WARNED ME OF DANGER, BUT I DIDN'T KNOW FROM WHERE YET

QUEEN MARIA LOOKED LIKE SHE'D SWALLOWED A BUG!
DID YOU SEE THAT?
NO DOUBT SHE'S SCHEMING.
TO SEE PRINCE KAI AND PRINCESS YURI RECEIVE SUCH HONORS.

LET'S RETURN TO THE PALACE, YURI

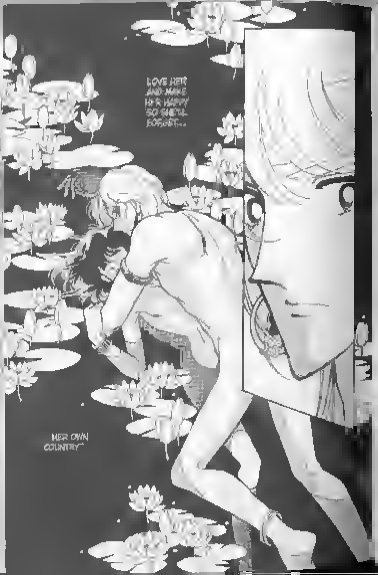
NO, YOU DON'T KNOW HIM
YOKURU, I'LL RUN AHEAD AND GET THE NURSES READY

THEY SAY HE WAS KILLED BY A STRAY ARROW! WHAT MISFORTUNE!
HOW THANK THAT DUKE UNCLE PERSUADED IN A WAR HE WON.
NO DOUBT IT WILL BE FALSELY OF FUR. BY PAINTING HIM AS A REWARD FOR HIS VICTORY OVER THE INTANS.
HOW THE POSITION WILL BE VACANT
QUIET FOOLS...
KAI

PRINCE KAI, IS GOING TO BE THE EMPEROR?
IT'S NOT SURPRISING AFTER ALL, BUT TIME YUKINA HE'LL BE THE NEXT EMPEROR...
THEN HE'LL BE EVEN FURTHER BEYOND MY REACH.

GLARE
WIP
HMPH! HA HA HA! NO! THAT CAN'T BE TRUE...
ARE YOU SAYING THAT YOU HAVEN'T MADE LOVE TO YUMI YET?
LIAL BROTHER? SURELY I MISUNDERSTOOD BUT
THAT WAS TOO MUCH FOR YOUR FRAIL BODY TO TAKE
I'LL PREPARE A CURATIVE BATH! AND I'LL BOND WITH A PHYSICIAN!
THERE IS NOTHING WRONG WITH MY HEALTH!
BROTHER, ARE YOU FEELING ALL RIGHT?

IF ONLY IT WERE THAT EASY
A NIGHT ALONE TOGETHER WILL DO AWAY TO BET TAINTED AWAY
WILL FEELINGS BETWEEN MAN AND WOMAN NEVER BE SETTLED BY THE LIGHT OF DAY
YOUR MISTRESS REMEMBER THAT YOU MUST BE GENTLE WITH A HUMAN
I DON'T NEED YOUR ADVICE IN THESE MATTERS.
SHE'S SO DIFFERENT FROM THE MURKY EYE REVEALED IN THE PAST
SMITH


LOVE HER AND MAKE HER HAPPY SO SHE'LL FORGET...
HER OWN COUNTRY

IF YOU REALLY CARE FOR PRINCESS YUNI...
THEN YOU SHOULD FIGHT HER BY YOUR SIDE.
AND LOVE HER AND MAKE HER HAPPY SO THAT SHE'LL FORGET HER OWN COUNTRY
MR. YUNI, HIGHNESS, DON'T YOU BELIEVE THAT YOU CAN MAKE HER HAPPY?
WHAT?
YOU TOLD ME ONCE THAT YOU WERE... LOVE ONLY A WOMAN IN YOUR LIFE.
WAS THAT A LIE?
YUNI IS GOING TO LEAVE THIS LAND SOON.
I JUST DIDN'T WANT TO CAUSE HER UNHAPPINESS BY INVOLVING MY FEELINGS NOW.

MY SON.
WILL YET SIT THE THRONE!
TARRUMP
TARRUMP
TARRUMP
KRR
AK
PINT SUJA.
YOU SUCCEEDED IN PREVENTING THE GIRL FROM RETURNING TO HER HOME LAND!
I CAN STILL SACRIFICE HER AND RID MYSELF OF THE PRINCES.

KAI HAS RETURNED SAFELY.
AND THE DRAGON'S EYE WAS LOST IN THE CHAOS OF THE WAR.
DAMN!!
URU!
I AM VERY SORRY.
I FAILED YOU.

WHAT COULD IT BE?!
WHAT?!
A MESSAGE FROM EGYPT?

AAAH
WHICKER
WOAS

STOP! YOUR WEAPONS IF YOU WISH TO ENTER THE CITY!
HOLD!
WHO ARE YOU?

...WITH AN URGENT MESSAGE FROM EGYPT!
P-PLEASE... LET ME PASS...
TELL HIS MAJESTY KING SUPPILULIUMA THAT I HAVE COME.

AH, WE WON'T HAVE IT!
YEAH! WE...
TAKE ANY ROOM YOU LIKE...
HURRY
GIRLS!

PRINCE KU...
I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK YOU...
WHAT?
I KNOW I TOSS AND KICK IN MY SLEEP AND THERE ARE LOTS OF EMPTY ROOMS IN THE PALACE.
UM...CAN WE SLEEP IN SEPARATE ROOMS FROM NOW ON?
WHAT?
BUT STAY WITH ME THIS MUCH FURTHER, PLEASE!
BEFORE I WAS TAKEN PRISONER BY THE IMPERIAL TROOPS KAI AND I SHARED A BED EVERY NIGHT.

WHAT ARE YOU GUYS UP TO?
WELL...
IT'S EATA. LET'S INSTRUCT.
OH, THAT'S RIGHT
I LOVE YOU.
BROTHER.
I...MOST FORGO?
HAHE?
GASP

NO, YOU MUSTN'T!
THEN I'LL HIRE MORE SERVANTS
WE HAVE TOO MUCH TO DO ALREADY WE CAN'T POSSIBLY CLEAN ANOTHER BUILDING!!
WE'RE THE ONLY MAID-SERVANTS IN THIS PALACE.
IT WOULD BE TOO RISKY TO LET PRINCESS YURI SLEEP ALONE
HE'S RIGHT MY ROYAL GUARD NINJA STILL WANTS TO GET HIS HANDS ON PRINCESS YURI.
IT'S FAR TOO DANGEROUS TO ENGAGE IN ANYONE WE DON'T KNOW

WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
PLEASE SLEEP WITH PRINCE KAI...
WE JUST WANT YOU TO STAY WITH US FOREVER, PRINCESS YURI.

YOU MEAN I SHOULD TELL PRINCE KAI THAT'S ALL YOU WANT
THE REST OF THE MESSAGE?
HE TELLS ME TO STAY HERE FOREVER. I'LL...
IF
A DEAL
NO. I CAN'T DO THAT EVEN IF HE ASKS ME.
PRINCE KAI.
I CAN DO MY OWN CLEANING SO I'LL FIND ANOTHER ROOM
WHAP
!!

KOFF KOFF KOFF
NOW I HAVE TELEPHONED IT GOOD NIGHT
MINMEI MEI
YUKI TOLD ME TO GIVE YOU A MESSAGE
STRANGE KAI?
AT THE TIME, I THOUGHT IT'D BE GIVING COURAGE TO PRINCE KAI. GOOD.
BUT THAT WAS MONTHS AGO!
OH. THE MESSAGE I ENTRUSTED YOU WITH IN YUKIGAHARA?
PRINCE ZAKUMEL
HIS PART !!
GIVE ME BACK THE PART OF THE MESSAGE YOURSELF NOW

GASP
YES!
SHE IS THE ONLY ONE WHO I'LL EVER LOVE IN THIS LIFE!
COULD I REALLY MAKE HER HAPPY ENOUGH TO FORGET THE LAND SHE CAME FROM?
PRINCE KAI?

OH...!
P-PRINCE XAIL? WHAT
UHM...
YOU'RE SCARING ME...
I CAN DO IT!!

IT'S A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE!
WHAT?!
AN EMBASSY FROM EGYPT HAS BROUGHT AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE FROM THE PRINCESS OF EGYPT!
AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE?
FOR PRINCE KAIL?
!!
PRINCE KAIL!
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR YOU!
I, I'M TERRIBLY SORRY BUT
HIS MAJESTY SUMMONS YOU TO HIS PALACE, IMMEDIATELY
AT THIS HOUR?
FATHER WANTS TO SEE ME NOW?
KIHAURU!
WHERE DO I REPRESENT MY OFFICIAL STATEMENT, CLERK?

HE'S SUMMONED ALL OF YOUR BROTHERS, AS WELL.
AH! FATHER HAS CONVENED THE SENATE AT THIS HOUR?
I KNOW BUT I WON'T WANT TO STAY AT THE PALACE BY MYSELF.
YUM. THERE WAS NO NEED FOR YOU TO COME WITH US.
COULD THE EGYPTIANS REALLY HAVE SENT A PROPOSAL OF MARRIAGE?
I'D RAVE WORRIED AFOUL OF

HE'S MARRYING AN EGYPTIAN PRINCESS? I ALWAYS THINK THAT PRINCE KAB WON'T MIND...
PRINCE KAB IS GOING TO MARRY
BA-BUMP
I THINK I'M GOING TO THROW UP!!
I KNEW I HAD TO LEAVE HIM SOMEDAY BUT...

JUDA?
THE YOUNGEST PRINCE?
HIDE YOUR EMOTIONS.
I'VE LOOKED FORWARD TO MEETING YOU.
YOU MUST BE PRATAP.
YUNI, THIS IS MY YOUNGEST BROTHER, PRINCE JUTA HARUMA-SULIMA.
OH, YOU TWO HAVEN'T MET
LIA, THANKS. GLAD TO YOU
IT'S AN HONOR TO MEET YOU
HE'S QUEEN NAKIA'S SON.
YES.
WAIT! THE YOUNGEST PRINCE IS...
WHAT?!

JUDA!
KAI, CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR VICTORY OVER THE ARYANS.
I'M GLAD YOU'VE RETURNED HOME SAFELY.
THANK YOU, JUDA. IT'S GOOD TO SEE YOU.
BROTHER KAI...

WHAT?
ONE PERSON WILL BE VERY PLEASED ABOUT IT, THOUGH
NONE OF THAT WILL MATTER IF PRINCE KAIL GOES TO EGYPT
WHEN?
THE MESSENGER SAID THE EGYPTIANS WANTED PRINCE KAIL TO MARRY THEIR QUEEN
THE EGYPTIANS SENT AN OFFER OF MARRIAGE, BUT
NOT EXACTLY
BROTHER KAIL IS GOING TO EGYPT? WHEN WAS IT DECIDED?
I WAS TOLD THAT THEY HAVE SURELY ASKED FOR ONE OF THE SIX PRINCESS. NO NAME WAS MENTIONED

QUEEN NAKIA'S SON!
BUT HE SEEMS LIKE SUCH A NICE BOY
HE IS. STILL, HE IS HIS MOTHER'S SON
KAIL IS FOND OF HIM, SO WE MUST KEEP A CLOSE EYE ON HIM.
PRINCE ZANNAN-ZAT
HE'S THE REASON SHE WANTS TO KILL PRINCE KAIL AND HIS BROTHERS?
JUYA.
GOING AT STARS?
DO YOU STILL SPEND YOUR TIME WITH THE ANCIENT ORDERS.
YES. ASTRONOMY SEEMS TO BE THE ONLY WAY IN WHICH I CAN HELP YOU WHEN YOU BECOME KING

THERE IS NO PRECEDENT FOR A HITTITE PRINCE TO MARRY A WIDOWED EGYPTIAN QUEEN.
THIS IS A MOST UNUSUAL PROPOSAL... THE EGYPTIANS HAVE LONG BEEN OUR ENEMIES.
I HAVEN'T DECIDED TO SEND ANY OF MY SONS TO EGYPT YET

THAT KING TUTANKHAMEN IS DEAD
IF THEY WANT SOMEONE TO MARRY THEIR QUEEN, THAT MEANS...
WIDOWED QUEEN?

SHARP SECRETARY
READ IT FOR US.
SO IT WOULD SEEM.
I THINK ALL OF YOU...
SHIELD NEAR QUEEN ANKHES-ENAMEN'S MESSAGE.

PRINCE KAIL IS THE ONLY ACCEPTABLE CANDIDATE
HE WHO MARRIES THE EGYPTIAN QUEEN WILL BE THE NEXT KING OF EGYPT
KAIL IS THE CLEAR CHOICE

SHE PROBABLY STARTED THE RUMOR THAT THE EGYPTIANS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED PRINCE KAIL!
I KNEW THE QUEEN WAS BEHIND THIS.

A HITTITE PRINCE TO RULE EGYPT?

SUCH A MARRIAGE WOULD ASSURE PEACE THROUGHOUT THE REGION.
YOUR MAJESTY HAS OFFER IS TOO GOOD TO PASS UP

AND THEN I KAN'T DREAM OF THINGS WOULD BE REAL HERE.
DAMN THIS!
I'VE NO CHANCE IN HELL OF WINNING WAR WITH MY OWN!

IT IS SAID THAT YOUR MAJESTY HAS MANY SONS. I ASK THAT YOU GRANT ME ONE OF THEM TO BE MY HUSBAND.
GREAT EMPRESS SUPPIRULIUMA.
MY HUSBAND KING TUTANKHAMEN HAS GONE TO THE LAND OF PEACE, WITHOUT LEAVING AN HEIR.
THE PRINCE WHO NEEDS WE WILL BECOME KING OF EGYPT AND THE SON I BEAR HIM WILL BE A BOND BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES.

DO YOU UNDERSTAND ME, LIGHT?
YES, MAJESTY
HA HA HA HA
ONCE KAIL HAS GONE TO EGYPT, KUNI'S HEAD WILL BE MINE!
AND MY SON, JUMA, WILL BECOME KING
PRINCE KAIL MUST BE SENT TO EGYPT!
HA HA HA
WHAT AN EXCELLENT OPPORTUNITY THIS IS
I COULD NOT HAVE CONCEIVED A BETTER MEANS OF RIDDING MYSELF OF KAIL

AS HE IS THE CROWN PRINCE.
PRINCE ANKHENAMUN, SON OF THE LATE QUEEN TADUKEPA, IS NOT ELIGIBLE TO GO.
IN RESPECT FOR QUEEN ANKHESENAMUN, WE SHOULD SEND A PRINCE MOTHERED BY ONE OF YOUR MAJESTY'S LAWFUL WIVES.
HE IS THE PERFECT MATCH FOR A 10-YEAR-OLD EGYPTIAN QUEEN.
PRINCE KAIL, SON OF THE EMPEROR'S SECOND LAWFUL WIFE HINTI, WILL BE 22 THIS YEAR.
MY SON, JUMA, IS ONLY 14 YEARS OLD.

I WILL SEND MY SECRETARY TO INVESTIGATE. WHEN WE HAVE HIS REPORT WE CAN CONSIDER THIS FURTHER.
WAIT. THIS PROPOSAL SOUNDS A BIT TOO GOOD TO BE TRUE.
PERHAPS THE EGYPTIANS ARE INDEED SINCERE. BUT I WOULD LIKE TO KNOW THEIR MOTIVES.

WILL THE EMPEROR SEND HIM TO EGYPT IF THE OFFER IS GENUINE?
PRINCE KAIL REALLY WOULD BE PERFECT FOR QUEEN ANKHESENAMUN.
SHHH!
I SHOULD GET SOME SLEEP BEFORE IT GETS TOO HOT
THE SUN WILL BE UP SOON.
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WHO MAY HAVE YOUR OWN BEDCHAMBER, YUNI
PRINCE KAIL!
HARI, PREPARE ONE OF THE EMPTY ROOMS IN THE EAST WING FOR YUNI.
I WONDER IF HE WOULD MIND TO AWAIT SOCRATES' LATER.
GUH...
GOOD NIGHT
SLEEP WELL
WHY DO I FEEL SO...ANXIOUS?
I WAS THE ONE WHO WANTED SEPARATE BEDROOMS.
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YOUR MAJESTY! PLEASE BELIEVE THE WORDS OF MY QUEEN.
I AM HERE TO SEE AN AUDIENCE WITH HIS MAJESTY QUEEN ANKHESENAMUN.
I HAVE A MESSAGE FOR HIS MAJESTY!
AS YOU WILL READ IN HER SECOND LETTER.
IT IS HER MAJESTY'S SINCEREST WISH THAT SHE MARRY ONE OF YOUR PRINCES AND THAT HE BECOME KING OF EGYPT!
OUR SECRETARY, ZITI, WHOM YOU SENT TO THEBES.
HAS RETURNED ACCOMPANIED BY AN EGYPTIAN EMBASSY!

I NEVER THOUGHT HE'D BE GOING SO FAR AWAY
I DON'T CARE WHO BECOMES HIS ...AWFUL WIFE...
I DON'T CARE WHO HE MARRIES.
...BUT DOES HE HAVE TO GO TO EGYPT?

YOUR MAJESTY
A FAIR METHOD?
HMM?
BY YOUR LEAVE
I HAVE A SUGGESTION.
THE EGYPTIANS WOULD SURELY RESPECT THE WINNER OF SUCH A COMPETITION.
SHOULD WE NOT HOLD A CHARIOT RACE?
SUCH RACES ARE VERY POPULAR, AND THE PEOPLE REGARD THEM AS TRUE TESTS OF COURAGE.

YOUR MAJESTY! I APPLAUD YOUR GRACIOUS DECISION.
LET US SEND PRINCE KAIL!
VERY WELL.
YOUR HIGHNESS MAY HAVE ONE OF MY SONS.
DON'T WORRY, HIS MAJESTY DOESN'T WANT TO SEND PRINCE KAIL TO EGYPT.
PRINCESS VIURI
NO.
REGARDLESS OF WHAT HIS MOTHER WAS
I SHALL FIND A FAIR METHOD OF CHOOSING WHICH OF MY SONS SHALL GO.

NONE OF THE PRINCESS WANTS TO GO LIVE AMONG THE BARBARIANS, EVEN AS THEIR KING.
PRINCE KAL'S MOTHER WILL NOT ALLOW HIM TO LOSE THE RACE ON PURPOSE AND FORCE ONE OF HER DAUGHTERS TO GO TO EGYPT.
OH, NO.
WHEN IT COMES TO RACING HORSES, PRINCE KAL IS FAR AND SUPERIOR.
ZANDUCA IS KAL'S RIVAL WITH A SWORD, A BOW, AND AS A GENERAL, BUT...
I WONDER IF I SHOULD LET HIM KNOW. FOR THE RIGHT MOMENT TO COME.
I WONDER IF HE'S LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING ME AGAIN, TOO?

A QUARREL MAKES?
THAT'S AN EXCELLENT IDEA.
I'M SURE THE SENATORS WILL AGREE.
OF COURSE.
WHAT THINK YOU OF THE IDEA, YOUR MAJESTY?
IT'S BEEN TOO LONG SINCE WE HAD A GOOD ARGUE-MENT, HASN'T IT?
WE CAN HOLD THE RACE THIS VERY AFTER-NOON.
IF THE SENATE APPROVES...
WHAT DO YOU MEAN, SUNNY?
DAMN QUEEN NANAI! THIS IS ONE OF HER SCHEMES!
NONE OF THE OTHER PRINCES STANDS A CHANCE AGAINST HIM.
PRINCE KAL IS THE BEST CHARIOTEER IN THE LAND.
NOW PRINCE KAL IS SURE TO BE SENT TO EGYPT!

IT WILL ONLY MAKE HIM A BIT GROGGY
PRINCE JULIA!
HUHUH, DON'T WORRY IT'S JUST A MILD SEDATIVE
AND GIVE IT TO PRINCE KAL FOR ME?
WILL YOU PUT THIS POWDER IN A CUP OF WINE.
OF COURSE, PRINCE JULIA.
ISHTAR, MAY I SPEAK WITH YOU
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PRINCE KAL...
D.O.L.
WAAH
TAAHH!!

BUT I DON'T THINK THIS IS RIGHT
I DON'T WANT PRINCE KAIL TO GO TO EGYPT...
WHAT SHOULD I DO?
MR. I WHALON!?
YOU DON'T MIND LETTING PRINCE JUDA GO TO EGYPT? BUT HE'S JUST A CHILD.
IN THIS COUNTRY A BOY OF 14 IS CONSIDERED A MAN
WOULD YOU PREFER THAT KAIL WENT?
SO AS JUDA ASKED
DON'T WORRY. I'LL PUT IT INTO MY BROTHER'S DRINK.
JUDA HAS DECIDED TO GO TO EGYPT OF HIS OWN WILL
PRINCE ZANHANGA!
BUT STILL...
BUT I...

OUR COUNTRY NEEDS KAIL.
I'M GOING TO EGYPT
WHY, PRINCE JUDA?
PRINCE JUDA!
AND I WOULD BE LYING IF I SAID I'M NOT AFRAID TO GO THERE...
I KNOW THAT EGYPT IS OUR ENEMY
WAIT, PRINCE JUDA PLEASE
IT'S BETTER FOR EVERY ONE THAT WAY
BUT I'LL BE ALL RIGHT

THE ONE WHO CAPTURES THE KING'S FLAG AFTER GOING ONCE AROUND THE TRACK WILL BE THE WINNER.
READY...
GO!!
TARRUMP
WHAM
I SEE!!

THANK YOU.
I AM A BIT THIRSTY
I'M NOT SURE YOU SHOULD DRINK BEFORE THE RACE, BUT
PRINCE KAL, HERE'S SOME WINE.
THE SIXTH PRINCE, JUDA HAKUPA-RILLIPI.
IS EVERY-ONE READY?
THE FIFTH PRINCE, HALI PIYASILI.
THE SECOND PRINCE, BOYA TALPALU.
THE THIRD PRINCE, KAL HUSHILI.
THE FOURTH PRINCE, TANNAWIZA HATTUSILI.

R-M-M
I WIN!
M-B
!!
WA
P
WHAT?!

TA-R-U-M-P
JUVIA?
SUDDENLY I FEEL WEAK.
WHAT'S WRONG WITH ME?
BROTHER KAIL! I'M G-G-G TO WIN!
JUVIA! WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
WHY ARE YOU HERE?
HAHA! WHAT IS KAIL'S GAME?
TA-R-U-M-P
TA-R-U-M-P
TA-R-U-M-P
PRINCE JUVIA!
PRINCE KAIL

I SHALL BE KING OF EGYPT!
KAIL!
RAAHH
AY
RAAH
ZANNANZA!!
PRINCE ZANNANZA?

RMMMMB
ZANNANZA!
I'LL GIVE YOU THE THRONE IN FIVE YEARS. BUT I'LL GO TO EGYPT FOR NOW!
NOE MOVE, JUNA! BUT YOU'RE TOO YOUNG TO RULE EGYPT!

THEN THE WEAKNESS I FELT EARLIER WAS...
WHAT DID YOU DO TO ME TUTANKHAMEN?
NO! IT WAS ME!
I CAN'T LET YOU GO TO EGYPT!
THAT'S EXACTLY WHAT I'VE HAVE SAID TO YOU.

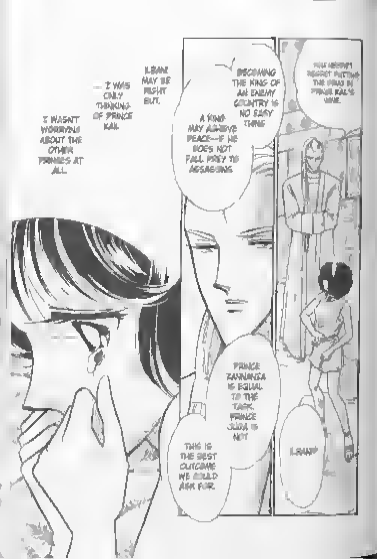
RAAH
RAAH
RAAAH
WHY?
I'M SORRY
I PUT A SPELL ON YOUR WINE!
I DON'T WANT YOU TO GO TO EGYPT SO..

PRINCE JUMA..
THAT'S NOT TRUE, BROTHER! KAH..
I ARRIVED HERE TO DO IT. I WANT TO GO TO EGYPT
WHAT?

ZAMANZA EA.
DO YOU REALIZE YOU'LL BE GOING TO THE HOUSE OF OUR ENEMY'S ROYAL FAMILY ALONE?
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
RAAH
THERE'S A RUMOR THAT KING TUTANKHAMUN WAS MURDERED!! YOU KNOW IT!
HOW CAN I SEND YOU INTO SUCH A NEST OF VIPERS?!
BROTHER..
PRINCE ZAMANZA IS GOING TO EGYPT?
THAT'S NOT WHAT WAS SUPPOSED TO HAPPEN!!

DOES THAT MEAN PRINCE JUDA HAS A WIFE?
HE HAS A LAWFUL WIFE AND TWO CONCUBINES
PRINCE ZANNUN-ZA...
VERY WELL
DESPINA
I AM THE ONLY PRINCESS WHO HAS NO WOMAN.
IF I GO TO EGYPT NO ONE WILL MIND ME.

PRINCE ZANNUNEA!
PLEASE SEND ME TO EGYPT
FATHER...
WITH A HITTITE PRINCE RULING EGYPT, WAR WOULD BE IMPOSSIBLE.
I BELIEVE WE SHOULD ACCEPT THE EGYPTIANS' OFFER OF MARRIAGE TO SEAL PEACE BETWEEN OUR COUNTRIES
I KNOW I'M NOT ELIGIBLE TO BE KING HERE, BUT
I WILL DO MY BEST TO BE ACCEPTED BY THE EGYPTIANS.


I WASN'T WORRYING ABOUT THE OTHER PRINCES AT ALL.
— I WAS ONLY THINKING OF PRINCE KAI.
KAI MAY BE RIGHT BUT...
A KING MAY ACHIEVE PEACE—IF HE DOES NOT FALL PREY TO ASSASSINS.
BECOMING THE KING OF AN ENEMY COUNTRY IS NO EASY THING.
YOUR HIGHNESS SHOULD PUTTING THE NEAD IN PRINCE KAI'S CARE.
PRINCE ZANNANZA IS EQUAL TO THE TASK. PRINCE JUDA IS NOT.
THIS IS THE BEST OUTCOME WE COULD ASK FOR.
KAIIIII

MY FOURTH SON, PRINCE ZANNANZA HASTUSAS.
IN THAT CASE.
IN RESPONSE TO THE EGYPTIAN EMPIRE'S REQUEST I WILL SERVE.
AN AMBASSADOR MAY NOT BE SLAIN FOR ITS' INFORMATION.
TO ENSURE YOUR SAFE JOURNEY
YOU MUST PREPARE TO GO AT ONCE.
HUHUHUH
RAAAA
PRINCESS YURI
PRINCE ZANNANZA!

RAAH
RAAH
MURMUR
MURMUR
RAAH
MURMUR
WHAT?
KILL HIM.
KILL.
ZANNANZA.

RAAAH
THEY CERTAINLY DID NOT
THINGS DID NOT WORK OUT AS WE HAD HOPED
WHAT IS YOUR WISH, YOUR MAJESTY?
IF ZANNANZA BECOMES KING OF EGYPT AND KAL-MUCCEEDS HIS FATHER, THE RELATIONSHIP BETWEEN THE TWO POWERS WILL BE STRENGTH-ENED
THAT WOULD LEAVE NO ROOM FOR JUBA TO BECOME KING

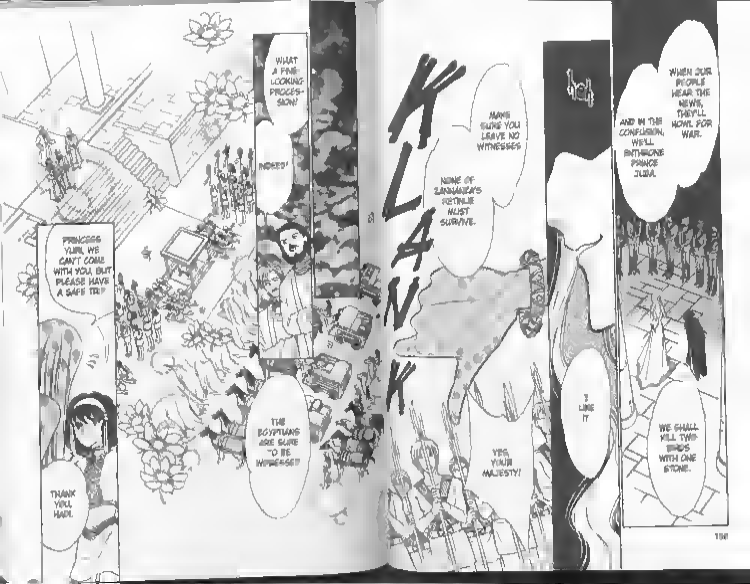
HURRAH! WE MUST CELEBRATE!
HE'S BEEN OFFICIALLY APPOINTED!
HE WILL BE THE GAL MESSIAH, NATURALLY!
WHAT ABOUT PRINCE KAL? WHAT WAS HIS APPOINTMENT?
PRINCE KAL WANTED PRINCE KANNANZA TO BE HIS GAL MESSIAH SOMEHOW
GAL MESSIAH...
PRINCESS YUKI!
PRINCE KAL IS SHOOTING THE PEOPLE WHO HAVE COME TO CONGRATULATE HIM.
WHERE'S PRINCE KAL?
PRINCESS YUKI!

PRINCE KANNANZA IS GOING TO BE THE KING OF EGYPT
PRINCE JUDA WAS OFFICIALLY ASSIGNED TO BARBAROSA, BUT
QUEEN NANA OPPOSED IT ON ACCOUNT OF HIS YOUTH.
PRINCE TELEPAH WILL COVER HALEB.
PRINCE PHYSIS WILL BE THE GOVERNOR OF THE NEWLY ACQUIRED TERRITORY OF KARKE ANSA.
DO YOU MEAN THAT?
THE NEW APPOINTMENTS FOR THE OTHER PRINCES HAVE BEEN ANNOUNCED!

I'M NOT A HUMAN, I'M VENUS!
EVERYONE TELLS ME NOT TO FEEL SAD, BUT I FEEL RESPONSIBLE
THERE'S NOTHING WRONG WITH A GODDESS SHEDDING HER!
I'M THE GODDESS OF LOVE AND FERTILITY!
ALL I CAN DO IS WISH ZANKANKA HAPPINESS, BUT I WANT TO SEE HIM OFF AT LEAST
WHAT'S THE MATTER?
PRINCE ZANKANKA
THAT'S FINALLY OVER.
THEY'D DIDN'T REALIZE A MEETING EVERYONE AT THE TEMPLE WOULD BE SO TIRING

CONGRATULATIONS
PRINCE KARL...
CONGRATULATIONS ON YOUR APPOINTMENT AS GM. MESSIAH.
PRINCE KARL!
HE'S GOING TO EXPECT TO MARRY THE QUEEN. HE CAN'T TAKE A WOMAN WITH HIM.
YOU WANT TO SEE HIM OFF?
WHAT?
PRINCE KARL, I HAVE A FAVOR TO ASK OF YOU.
I'LL SAY SOMEONE TO MAN AT THE SHRINE AND RETURN.
I WANT TO ACCOMPANY PRINCE ZANKANKA TO EGYPT.

KLAWK
QUEEN KAWL
THE PREPARATIONS ARE COMPLETE.
I HANDPICKED THESE MEN FROM AMONG YOUR PERSONAL GUARD.
THEY'LL MURDER PRINCE ZANNAMEA AND HIS MEN.
AND WHILE IT LOOK LIKE THE EGYPTIANS DID IT NO ONE WILL EVER SUSPECT US
THANK YOU.
ZANNAMEA...
GIVE HIM HERBS TO ACCOMPANY YOU TO THE EGYPTIAN FUNERAL.
PRINCE ZANNAMEA
YES.
ACCOMPANY ME?
PLEASE ACCEPT HER OFFER.
THAT'S THE BEST FAREWELL GIFT I COULD WISH FOR.
THANK YOU.


WHAT A FINE-LOOKING PROCESSION!
INDEED!
PRINCESS YUUN, WE CAN'T COME WITH YOU, BUT PLEASE HAVE A SAFE TRIP.
THANK YOU, NAIN.
THE EGYPTIANS ARE SURE TO BE IMPRESSED!
KLANK
MAKE SURE YOU LEAVE NO WITNESSES.
NONE OF LANGARAN'S RETINUE MUST SURVIVE.
YES, YUUN MAJESTY!
I LIKE IT.
WHEN OUR PEOPLE HEAR THE NEWS, THEY'LL HOWL FOR WAR.
AND IN THE CONFUSION, WE'LL ENTHRONE PRINCE JUDA.
WE SHALL KILL TWO BIRDS WITH ONE STONE.
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WHEN YOU BECOME KING OF EGYPT...
OUR COUNTRIES WILL BE AT PEACE—AND WE SHALL SEE EACH OTHER WHENEVER WE WISH
OF COURSE
PRINCE KAL LOVES AND TRUSTS HIM MORE THAN ANYONE.
HE'S PRINCE KAL'S MOST LOYAL BROTHER
KAL...
I'M LEAVING NOW
SAN-MANZA
STILL
I SHALL REMEMBER YOUR DREAM.
BROTHER KAL...
FORGIVE ME FOR NOT FULFILLING MY PROMISE TO STAY WITH YOU
I SHALL BE LIVING FAR AWAY + MAY NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN, BUT PERHAPS THERE IS SOMETHING I CAN DO MORE TO AID YOU THAN I COULD WERE TOGETHER. WE'LL SHARE IN MAKE YOUR DREAM COME TRUE
THAT THERE WILL NOT BE ANOTHER WAR IN THIS COUNTRY

LET'S GO!!
EXCELLENT
QUEEN MARIA, THEY HAVE DEPARTED

TOMP
KAI...
DON'T WORRY! JUDA, YOU SHOULD GO HOME.
PRINCE KAI... I'VE LEARNED OF SOMETHING TERRIBLE.
A SWITCHER TOLD ME HE SAW THEM HEADING SOUTH.
A BIG GANG OF THE QUEEN'S GUARD HAS LEFT THE CITY.
QUEEN NAKIA MEANS TO KILL ZANNANZA AND YURI!
BAMN!

MOTHER, WHAT ARE YOU TALKING ABOUT?
NOTHING YOU NEED WORRY ABOUT
BROTHER KAI!
WHAT IS IT JUDA?
I... I KNOW SHE DOESN'T LIKE MY BIG BROTHERS VERY MUCH, BUT I...
MY MOTHER IS ACTING STRANGELY

JUST BE SURE YOU DON'T LOSE PRINCE ZANXANTIA'S TRAIL.
GOT THAT?
WE CAN'T ATTACK UNTIL THEY REACH THE EGYPTIAN BORDER!
AND DOUBLE FOR THE PRINCE AND NAITABA!
WE'LL BE REWARDED FOR EACH PERSON WE KILL!
AND SINCE WE'RE GOING TO KILL THEM ALL, THERE WILL BE PLENTY OF GOLD FOR EVERYONE.
YES
!!

TARUMPUR
TARUMPUR
YEIKU ZANXANTIA!
GET ME A HORSE !!
GRAONLY!!
ASSEMBLE ALL THE SOLDIERS YOU CAN, AND FAST!

BUT I'M AFRAID I'VE DRIVEN TOO MUCH.
KREEK
I CAN'T SEEM TO CONTROL MY ARM.
AH!
I'M AFRAID I MAY SHOOT SOMEONE'S HORSE BY MISTAKE
YOU MEN HAD BETTER HURRY BACK TO HATTUSA... FOR YOUR OWN SAFETY

P-PRINCE KAIL?
WHY ARE YOU HERE, YOUR HIGHNESS?
TO CELEBRATE MY BROTHER'S UPCOMING NUPTIALS WITH A HUNT
I HAD A SUDDEN URGE...

THOSE COWARDS!
WHAT?
KAIL WAS ABLE TO INTIMIDATE HIS SOLDIERS?!
I'LL DISCIPLINE THEM AND SEND OTHER MEN, IMMEDIATELY
YOU HAVE MY MOST HUMBLE APOLOGIES
YOU MISERY BROTHER
I SUSPECTED SOMETHING LIKE THIS MIGHT HAPPEN.
SO I HAVE A CONTINGENCY PLAN IN PLACE.
...?!

Y-YES, YOUR HIGHNESS
HURRY BACK TO YOUR OWNER!

MY HAIR IS MADE UP.
I WANT TO SEE THE EGYPTIANS WELCOME PRINCE ZANAMA AND THEIR FUTURE KING WITH MY OWN EYES.
SO I CAN STILL PROTECT KAL ABOUT IT
WE'LL SURELY TAKE FAITH FULLY
UNTIL WE REACH THE BORDER.
HOW ARE THE PRINCE AND HIS COMPANION?
THEY SUSPECT NOTHING.
WHICH IS NOTHING TO AROUSE THEIR SUSPICIONS.

NO, THANK YOU.
NOT FOR ME EITHER.
PRINCE ZANAMA AND PRINCESS YURI...
WOULD YOU LIKE MORE WINE?
YURI, IT WILL TAKE TEN DAYS FOR US TO REACH THE EGYPTIAN BORDER.
YOU'RE FREE TO TURN BACK AT ANY TIME.
I WANT TO BE THERE WHEN THE EGYPTIANS RECEIVE YOU
NO, I WON'T

ARE YOU SAD TO BE LEAVING PRINCE KAMANZA?
THIS IS THE LAST NIGHT YOU'LL SEE THE STARS OVER ANATOLIA.

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHOM I MARRY
IF I CAN'T MARRY THE ONLY WOMAN I'VE EVER WANTED.
PRINCE ZAHAMEAL?
BE MY WOMAN.
I WILL LOVE YOU THE WAY NO ONE ELSE CAN.
YUSRI, I'LL WILL TAKE CARE OF YOU.
PRINCE ZAHAMEAL, YOUR OFFER IS GENEROUS, BUT YOU ARE JUST BEING A LITTLE RUDE.
YOU'RE LEAVING THE LAND WHERE YOU WERE RAISED
YOU'RE GOING TO MARRY A WOMAN YOU'VE NEVER MET FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR COUNTRY
THAT'S VERY NOBLE OF YOU
NO.
WE'LL CROSS THIS DESERT TOMORROW
TONIGHT IS THE LAST TIME I'LL SLEEP IN A COMFORTABLE BED FOR A WHILE.

I'M ONLY JOKING!
HA HA HA
HA HA HA
PRINCE ZANNANZA!
IF I DISAPPEARED HERE IT WOULD MEAN WAR BETWEEN EGYPT AND THE WHITE KINGDOM.
HEH HEH
WHO WILL
HA HA HA

I WANT..
TO CARRY YOU OFF AND ESCAPE..
PRINCE ZANNANZA!
IF WE LIVED AMONG THE NOMADS IN THE DESERT..
NO ONE WOULD EVER FIND US.
TMP

I WILL LOVE AN AUSTIN AND MAKE HER HAPPY
YUKI...
BUT I...
I KNOW THAT SOUNDS SENTIMENTAL, BUT
WILL DO MY BEST TO BE LOVED BY HER AND BY HER PEOPLE.
SO I CAN LIVE HAPPILY THERE.
I... THANK YOU, YUKI.

ANYWAY IF I DIDN'T SEND YOU BACK TO MY BROTHER, HE'D NEVER FORGIVE ME.
I FEAR THAT EVEN MORE THAN WAR.
GOOD YUKI!
WELL, I'LL BE RISING EARLY TOMORROW.
PLEASE LOVE QUEEN AURORE-SAMA!!
PRINCE FARAMIER.
NOT FOR YOUR COUNTRY AND NOT OUT OF A SENSE OF OBLIGATION, BUT FROM YOUR HEART!
THAT WILL MAKE EVERYONE HAPPY.

THERE ARE ONLY FIVE OF US. IT WON'T BE EASY FOR US TO WILL GO AWAY.
HOW WILL WE WILL THE THINGS AND THINGS?
ONCE THE THINGS HAS WEAKENED THEM, WE'LL FINISH THEM OFF WITH OUR SYSTEMS.
THE GLOBAL TOXIN WE'LL INJECT THEM INTO THE SECRETE HEAR THE SCORPION AND POISON THEM.
WILL KEEP THE PEACE BETWEEN THE TWO COUNTRIES AND SEE TO MY OWN HAPPINESS, AS WELL.
PRINCE KAMAKAZA
I'M STRONGER THAN YOU THINK.
I'LL BE ALL RIGHT
RIGHT HANDS!
ALL RIGHT
GOOD NIGHT AGAIN
IS IT TRUE?
IS THIS REALLY PRINCE'S BLOOD?
THIS IS REALLY HUMAN IT?

PRINCE KAIL.
PLEASE GO TO SLEEP.
THE QUEEN HAS EVINCED NOTHING SUSPICIOUS SINCE YOU RETURNED.
I KNOW BUT NAKIA NEVER RESTS.

IT'S TOO LATE FOR KAIL TO DO ANYTHING NOW
WE CAN ONLY PRAY THAT HIS BROTHER AND CONCUBINE'S SOULS FIND REST
THE DESERT SWALLOWS THE BODIES OF THOSE WHO DIE THERE.

HATTUSA
HE'LL BE DEAD IN A DAY OR TWO. I CAN HARDLY WAIT
ZANNANZA AND HIS PARTY MUST HAVE REACHED THE DESERT BY NOW
YES..
HA HA HA HA
LET THEM WATCH
BUT PRINCE KAIL'S MEN ARE WATCHING YOU.

SHEEN
IF I WERE ABANDONED HERE, I'D BE MURDERED IN ONE DAY
IT'S LIKE AN ICEBERG IN SPACE
HEH, IT'S SO HOT!
SO THEY'D I...
I'D LIKE TO BELIEVE THE QUEEN HAS GIVEN UP
IF PRINCE ZARMINZA DIDN'T MAKE IT TO EGYPT IT WI... MEAN TROUBLE
I KNOW HER TOO WELL...
I CAN'T BAT ON SLEEP FOR WORRYING

WE MAY NEED TO GO A LITTLE FARTHER.
HMM.. STRANGE.
THE OASIS SHOULD BE AROUND HERE.
MAY I OFFER SOME WINE TO EVERY ONE?
YES, YOUR HIGHNESS. BUT WE ARE SO THIRSTY
ALL RIGHT BUT BE QUICK ABOUT IT
LET'S FORGET THE OASIS AND RETURN TO THE ROAD
NO. IT'S TOO RISKY
Slup
WE SHALL BE.

HIMATI?
WOULD YOU LIKE TO GO THERE AND REFRESH YOUR SELF?
MAYAN, THERE IS AN OASIS A SHORT WAY FROM HERE
YOUR HIGHNESS WE MUST REST
IT'S NOT FAIR
PLEASE LET US GO.
TO GET LOST IN THE DESERT IS CERTAIN DEATH.
WE SHOULDN'T TO LEAVE THE CARAVAN TRIBE.
I DIDN'T NEED A BREAK YET
WHAT ABOUT YOU, PRINCE ZARAMAYA?
VERY WELL
WE'LL TAKE A SHORT BREAK.

AHHHH!
UNGH!
THE WINE WAS POISONED!
OH!
UGH!
CHUNK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
AAAAH!
WE BEAR NO GRUDGE AGAINST PRINCE ZANNANZA OR ISHTAR, BUT
YOU HAVE TO DIE.
WHAT'S GOING ON?

AHA, THAT IS REFRESHING!
DRINK UP! THERE'S PLENTY FOR ALL
ZAARDSAMEN! COME QUENCH YOUR THIRST!

JUST A SIP I DON'T DRINK.
AND YOU, LADY ISHTAR.
THANK YOU
YOU TOO, YOUR HIGHNESS

KOFF
UGH!
PRINCE ZANNANZA!

YOU CAN'T!
PRINCE TANNANIA!
THAT WOULD MEAN WAR!
YA
THE QUEEN'S POISON? SHE'S BEHIND THIS!
NEH! THAT'S RIGHT! QUEEN NAKIA ORDERED US TO KILL YOU ALL!
THEN WE'LL RETURN TO MATTUSA AND REPORT THAT YOU WERE SLAUGHTERED BY EGYPTIAN SOLDIERS!
JUST THE QUEEN WILL GIVE US GOLD!
NO!
NO!
PRINCE TANNANIA
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UHA...
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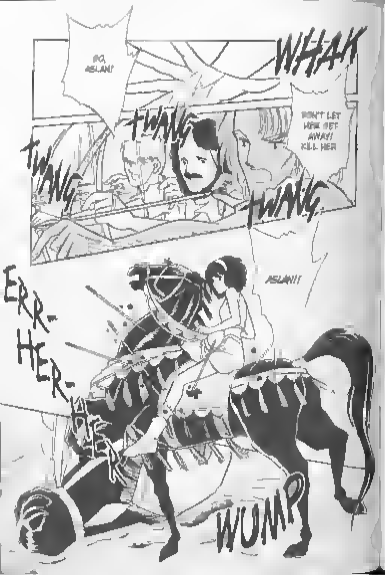
KYU
KEH HEH. THE QUEEN'S POISON WORKS WELL...!


NO, ASLAN!
WHAK
DON'T LET HIM GET AWAY! KILL HER
TWANG
TWANG
TWANG
ASLAN!!
ERR-
HER-
WUMP

KAL IS DEDICATED TO PEACE.
AND SO AM I! THAT WAS WHY I CHOSE TO GO TO EGYPT!
SHUT UP AND DIE!
KLANK
YUKI, GO TELL KAL WHAT'S HAPPENING!
DON'T LET QUEEN NAMIA WIN!
BE! ONLY YOU CAN AVERT A NUCLEAR WAR!
BUT I CAN'T LEAVE YOU!
WHP
PRINCE ZANNAMEAD

CHUNK
?!

ITS IKHTAR!!
YUKI!
GASP
OH, ASLAN...

THUD
PRINCE RANNANTA!

I MUST...
SEND YOU BACK...
NO!!
TO MY BROTHER.
GO, YURI.
PLEASE...

I'LL LIVE LIKE A KING!!
HEH HEH SUCCESS!! I KILLED BOTH THE PRINCE AND ISHTAR!!

QUEEN MAKIA COMMANDED ME TO KILL ALL THE WITNESSES.
ARGH!
GRUNK
SHIK
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
AAEH !!
...IS ALL MINE!
THE GOLD...

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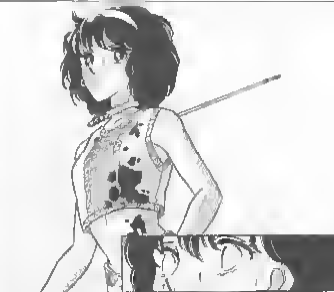

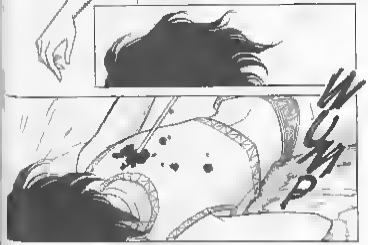
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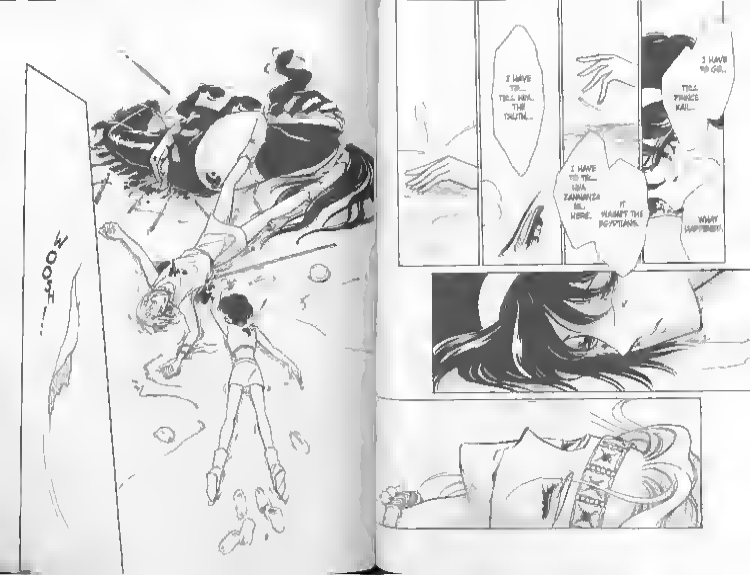
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I HAVE TO BE... WITH ZANNARIA ALL HERE.
IT WASN'T THE REVOLTIANS.
WHAT HAPPENED?
I HAVE NO CHOICE.
TELL FRANCE KARL...
...FOOT...

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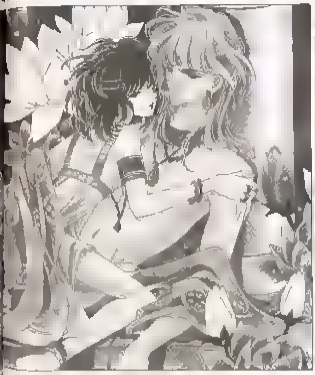

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